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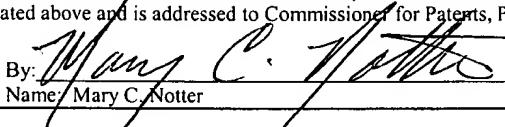
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Applicant: Luis Felipe Cabrera et al. Examiner: Anya, Charles E
Serial No.: 09/450,364 Group Art Unit: 2126
Filed: November 29, 1999 Docket No.: MS128808.1/40062.137US01
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Dear Sir:

As per Examiner's request, this letter is to summarize the substance of a telephonic interview on October 14, 2003 between Examiner Anya and myself. In that interview, we discussed claim 1 of the pending application and the D'Errico reference, U.S. Pat. No. 6,457,139. No exhibit was shown or used. While no agreement was reached and no proposed amendments were discussed, the nature of the Examiner's rejection and his reasoning were discussed. In that discussion, the Examiner indicated that in his opinion the D'Errico reference anticipates the claim in its current form as the claim currently does not define the relationship between the application program interface relative to the host computer and storage devices.

In addition, resetting the mailing date of the Final Rejection was also discussed. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner with his continued assistance in resetting the time due to the failure to enter the Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address filed on June 22, 2001.

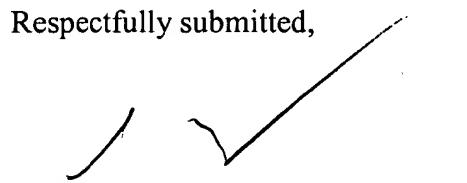
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the consideration extended to Applicants' representative. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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